

FOCAL POINT

Choosing A Healthier Lifestyle

Now that we're well into the New Year, I'm challenging you to join me as I commit to making fitness a new, personal goal. I intend to make this more than a New Year's resolution, but a lifestyle change. Frisco is the fastest growing city in the country, according to the U.S. Census Bureau and we need to focus on fitness as our population grows. While Frisco's population, and that of our country, continues to grow, we are also facing a growing, obesity epidemic.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

MAYOR MAHER MASO

The Let's Move campaign, started by First Lady Michelle Obama, cites "over the past three decades, childhood obesity rates in America have tripled, and today, nearly one in three children in America are overweight or obese." Furthermore, the Centers for Disease Control reports the same findings, adding that "in 2009, only Colorado and the District of Columbia had a prevalence of obesity less than 20%."

No doubt, obesity can lead to other health problems, such as diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and asthma. These are just a few reasons why I believe the fitness in our community is more important now than ever.

With a population of approximately 110,000 and an anticipated 'build out' of approximately 280,000, we have an opportunity to make fitness part of who we are. I am committed to helping our residents have all the tools they need to make good lifestyle choices and make fitness part of their life. Fitness will be a fabric of our community – from the ways

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NCAA Div I Championship Football Game win for Frisco and football fans

BY DANA BAIRD

The old adage 'birds of a feather, flock together' took on a new meaning when thousands of eagles and hens flocked to Frisco on January 7. They landed with purpose, promising to 'clip wings', 'pluck feathers' or 'eat more hens'. They were no ordinary birds but football fans who traveled near and far to see the Eastern Washington Eagles and the Delaware Blue Hens compete in the 2011 NCAA Division I Championship Football Game played for the first time at Pizza Hut Park.

"This is a beautiful city," said Tim Odoherthy, a faithful Eagle fan who made the trip from Washington. "We had never heard of Frisco before, but the facilities and the city are amazing and the people are very friendly!"

University of Delaware alum Nick Riorden didn't need to travel but a few blocks to see his beloved Blue Hens vie for the trophy. Aside from the convenience, the Frisco resident says he's proud of his city for attracting the event.

"It's bringing in a lot of revenue for the city, which is great!" said Riorden.

Odoherthy and Riorden were among 13,027 fans who attended the championship game. More than half of those fans were from out of town. All hotels in Frisco were booked and some properties in neighboring cities reported being 'full' as well.

"The return is probably greater than we originally thought," said Marla Roe, Executive Director, Frisco CVB.



Pregame festivities for the NCAA Division I Football Championship Game at Pizza Hut Park on January 7 featured skydivers descending from orange lit skies – a classic Texas sunset. More than 70 members of the Texas Wing, Civil Air Patrol unfurled a giant American Flag and the Texas Boys Choir sang the National Anthem. The most notable fan, Vice President Joe Biden, sat in the stands among fellow Blue Hens, while Eastern Washington fans faithfully cheered a come-from-behind victory for the Eagles.

"Certainly, this is going to bring at least \$1 million in economic benefit to our city," said Jim Gandy, President, Frisco Economic Development Corporation. "This is football at its finest. This is 'real' championship football."

The January 7 match up was the first of three NCAA Division I Football Championship Games guaranteed to be played in Frisco. In February of last year,

NCAA selected the City of Frisco, from a pool of five prospective host communities, as the new home for the championship game which had been held in Chattanooga, Tennessee the previous thirteen years.

Mayor Maher Maso served as honorary chairman of "Team Frisco," which was made up of representatives from the City of Frisco and its Economic Development Corporation and



Convention & Visitors Bureau; Hunt Sports Group and Pizza Hut Park; Southland Conference and the Frisco Chamber of Commerce. Collectively, "Team Frisco" prepared the bid. Once NCAA announced it was awarding the game to Frisco, the "Team" worked on its play book to make the Division I Championship a memorable

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Candidate filing period Feb. 14 through March 14 for three council seats, including mayoral position

Candidates interested in running for Frisco City Council may file for a place on the May 2011 ballot beginning February 14. The last day to file for Frisco City Council is Monday, March 14 at 5 p.m.

Three seats, including the mayoral position and Places 5 and 6, will be open. All positions on the Frisco City Council are "at large" positions. Candidates must live in the City of

Frisco one year prior to filing.

Candidate information packets – which detail the minimum requirements for filing for office – are available to download online beginning February 1. Go to **FriscoTexas.gov/elections** for directions. Anyone interested in viewing a candidate packet will be required to fill out a basic online form first.

The candidate packet includes the

official forms that must be printed, filled out, signed and returned to the City Secretary's Office by March 14 at 5 p.m. in order to officially file as a candidate for Frisco City Council.

Printed candidate packets will not be available to 'pick up' at City Hall; however, a limited number of copies will be available to read at the City Secretary's Office, 5th Floor of City Hall, George A. Purefoy

Municipal Complex, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd. Candidate packets are available to view between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The General Election will be held Saturday, May 14, from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

For additional information, please contact the Office of the City Secretary at (972) 292-5020.

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we design our streets, sidewalks and hike and bike trails to education, community events and exciting programs to help our citizens get off a diet and on a lifestyle.

In the coming weeks, look for a new website promoting fitness opportunities provided by the City of Frisco. But our new 'Be Fit Frisco' initiative is not just about a program, a press release

or even a website. My goal is build a foundation for fitness in Frisco and put in place the building blocks so fitness and good lifestyle choices become who we are as a community. With your help, we will teach our children the importance of being active and our adults how to be great role models. I'm starting with myself.

Earlier in January, I committed to a 'weigh in' and began a daily exercise program, utilizing our Frisco Athletic Center. On January 22, the City of Frisco

partnered with CBS 11/TXA 21 for Get Healthy Texas Day in Frisco, which started with a 5K/1 Mile Fun Runs that started in front of City Hall and wound their way through Frisco Square. I completed the 1 Mile Fun Run. I'm not ready for a 5K, but that's my goal. It is never too late to start being fit. Join me as we set an example for our children as we tackle this serious issue together as a community.

**Regards,
Mayor Maher Maso**

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experience for the student-athletes and the fans.

Mayor Maso says months of planning paid big dividends to the City of Frisco and its partners for an entire week leading up to game day.

"It has exceeded our expectations," said Mayor Maso. "I've had an opportunity to visit with fans and they had so many nice things to say about the hospitality, the

people who live here and the facilities," added Maso.

"We have folks here from the NCAA who have been working with this event, some as long as 20 – 25 years, and they have said repeatedly this is the best experience, the best venue, the best hospitality they have had with this event," said Tom Burnett, Commissioner, Southland Conference.

When the teams arrived the Tuesday before the game at their respective hotels, they were greeted by members of "Team

Frisco", as well as hotel employees and Chamber ambassadors who cheered and waved team-colored pom-poms. While Frisco photographers snapped photos of players, the athletes used their smart phones to capture the moment.

The next day, the teams got to see Pizza Hut Park for the first time. Damani Leach, NCAA Director of Baseball and Football, says the players' first impression of the stadium was mesmerizing.

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Spring registration for classes and events now available

In the spring edition of the Frisco Fun Guide, we are getting your family ready for a healthy and fun 2011! You will find everything you need to start the year right. Whether your resolution is to get fit, learn something new or save money, you will find the perfect class or activity to get you started.

Registration is available online at FriscoFun.org or in-person at the Frisco Athletic Center, located at 5828 Nancy Jane Ln., during regular hours of operation. You may pick up a copy of the Frisco Fun Guide at following locations: the Frisco Public Library, Chamber of Commerce on Main Street, Parks & Recreation Administration Building, and the Frisco Athletic Center.

For more information about a class, program or event, email FriscoFun@FriscoTexas.gov.

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The City of Frisco
is now on YouTube!
Watch the latest
videos from Frisco
Television Network
(FTVN) online at
**FriscoTexas.gov/
YouTube.**

HAVE A QUESTION?

Looking for detailed information about a City of Frisco service, program or event? Check out **FriscoTexas.gov**, your complete guide to the city government. Look for the latest alerts and press releases on the home page, or sign up to receive City of Frisco news to your email address. Go to the home page and click on 'E-News' to subscribe.

Find answers about city info
fast, at **FriscoTexas.gov!**

Watch the Frisco Television Network (FTVN) live, 24-hours a day -- including Frisco City Council meetings -- online. Go to **FriscoTexas.gov/ftvn**. Live city council meetings air the first and third Tuesdays of the month, beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m.* You can also select 'video on demand' to watch FTVN programming like PSAs and the Mayor's Corner.

Go behind the scenes of your local government with City Hall 101

One of the city's most popular programs is back and currently accepting applications. City Hall 101 is a great way to boost your knowledge about what happens behind the scenes at City Hall and Frisco's other municipal facilities. The next City Hall 101 class runs from February 28 through May 23, 2011.

Get an insider's view into how Frisco operates from Mayor Maher Maso, Frisco City Council members, city managers and the city staff who keep the city running smoothly. See how the hometown heroes of the Frisco Fire and Police Departments work to protect the people of Frisco and its property. Hear what it takes to build roads and to plan for Frisco's future growth.

Frisco ISD leaders will host one of the sessions to answer your questions and show you the latest technology used by the school district. These and many more topics are covered during the 12-week program which runs on Monday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The initial "kick off" session on February 28 will be held at the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd. After the first week the locations of Monday night sessions will change to correspond with the department or program being discussed.

City Hall 101 is open to Frisco residents 18 and older. Class size is limited. Register online on the city's website at FriscoTexas.gov/CH101. The schedule for weekly class topics and locations is also listed online. For more information email CityHall101@FriscoTexas.gov or contact Daniel Ford at 972-292-5542.

Love your environment, safely recycle at winter Chunk Your Junk event Feb. 12



Show some love for your environment. Recycle, donate or safely dispose of your unwanted items around the house at the winter Chunk Your Junk event, happening Saturday, February 12 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Environmental Collection Center,

located at 6616 Walnut St. Entry is allowed from southbound First Street only. A map of the drop-off location is available online at FriscoTexas.gov/Recycle.

The following items can be brought for safe disposal, recycling or donation. In order to reduce idling time, the items are listed in the order which they can be unloaded at the event. Please load your vehicle accordingly:

- Metal and appliances
- Yard waste, limbs, and untreated wood for mulching
- Fencing and other trash
- Cardboard
- Refrigerators
- Styrofoam and plastic bags
- Prescription and over-the-counter medications
- Household chemicals, paint, gasoline, oil, batteries, pesticides
- Computers, monitors, printers, cell phones, television sets, other e-waste
- Old clothes, furniture, books for donation

Fees for recycling televisions and monitors apply during the Chunk Your Junk event.

- \$15 fee for television sets
- \$10 fee for computer monitors

A \$40 Freon extraction fee is also charged for all appliances not tagged 'Freon-free'. A valid driver's license with a Frisco address and current City of Frisco water bill will be required for all household chemical, paint, electronic waste, and items requiring Freon extractions. The fees will be applied to your next utility bill. Payment is not accepted at the



Disks, and keyboards and cables, oh my! Do you have old computer supplies stowed away in a dark corner of the house? The city's next Chunk Your Junk event on February 12 is a great resource to unearth the electronic fossils and other unwanted items around your home. There's even a collection point to safely dispose of old prescription and over-the-counter medication that may be cluttering up your medicine cabinet.



Environmental Collection Center.

A free paper shredding service will also be on site to safely recycle unwanted documents. There is a four-box limit per household, with box size not to exceed 12" W x 15.5" L x 10.5" H. Personal documents only, please. Commercial paperwork is not accepted.

Show up early! In order to provide the best service, no vehicles will be allowed in line after 11:30 a.m. to make sure everyone already

in line can make it through the drop-off stations by the time the event ends at noon.

For more information call (972) 292-5900 or email EnvironmentalServices@FriscoTexas.gov. To learn more about Frisco's recycling program, go online to FriscoTexas.gov/recycle.

Green Team calls on residents to recycle phone books

For the fourth year in a row the City of Frisco's "Green Team" and Frisco ISD are giving the earth a huge Valentine's Day gift in the form of recycled phone books. Hosted by the City of Frisco Environmental Services, participating FISD schools have collect-

ed more than 80,000 phone books equaling 140 tons of recycled paper since 2008.

Students will be collecting phone books from January 24 through February 4 to see which school will be this year's 'Recycling Champion'. All of the

phone books collected will be recycled in order to help conserve natural resources, to build even more momentum for the strong school recycling programs, and to remind residents of the power of recycling at home.

Show your love for recycling

this Valentine's season and help the Green Team set a new record. Send your old phone books to school with your child, a neighbor or call the school in your neighborhood to ask about dropping off your old phone books.

Monthly Road Project Update

The City of Frisco Engineering Services Department has the most current information on road projects available online. Go to www.friscotexas.gov/projectupdate

1 - Coit Road (Main Street to Eldorado Parkway)

Scope: Replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a four-lane, divided concrete roadway. Project includes paving, drainage, water, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Design is 60 percent complete. Construction begin: not scheduled

2 - Custer Road [FM 2478] (Stonebridge to US 380)

Scope: Replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete divided roadway. Project includes paving, drainage and signals. The contractor, Mario Sinacola & Sons, has completed paving two northbound lanes and is currently constructing storm water inlets. Construction End: 2/1/2012

3 - Custer Road [FM 2478] (SH 121 to Stonebridge)

Scope: Widen existing four-lane divided roadway to six lanes. Project includes paving, bridge widening, signal modifications and illumination. Construction begin: 4/1/2013

4 - Eldorado Parkway [FM 2934] (FM 423 to Dallas Pkwy.)

Scope: Construct sidewalks and install lighting, landscaping and irrigation in the median. Construction, by Estrada Concrete, is 90 percent complete. Construction end: 2/28/2011

5 - Eldorado Parkway (Dallas Parkway to Preston Road)

Scope: Widen the existing two-lane concrete roadway to a six-lane divided roadway. Project includes paving, drainage, water, wastewater, signals and lighting. Tiseo Paving has finished work on the project and is completing punch list items.

6 - Eldorado Parkway (Preston Road to Custer Road)

Scope: Widen the existing two-lane concrete roadway to a six-lane, divided roadway from Preston Road to Fragrant Drive,

and widen the existing four-lane, divided concrete roadway to a six-lane concrete roadway from Fragrant Drive to Custer Road. Project includes paving, drainage, sidewalks and signals. Design is 60 percent complete. Construction begin: not scheduled

7 - Eubanks Street (Fifth Street (Parkwood Blvd.) to BNSF RR)

Scope: Replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a two-lane concrete roadway. Project includes paving and drainage. Contractor has been noted to cease all works due to utility conflict. AT&T line has been cleared. Atmos Gas is expected to be cleared by mid-January 2011. Construction end: 3/1/2011

8 - FM 423 [Middle] (Stewart Creek to Eldorado Parkway)

Scope: Replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete divided roadway. Project includes paving and drainage. Contractor is currently installing storm water infrastructure along the southbound lanes. Construction end: 9/4/2012

9 - FM 423 [North] (Eldorado Parkway to US 380)

Scope: Replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane, divided concrete roadway. Project includes paving, drainage, signals and lighting. Final design plans are anticipated to be submitted to TxDOT in January 2011. TxDOT has begun right of way acquisition. Construction begin: 1/2/2012

10 - Independence Pkwy. (Main Street to northern city limits)

Scope: Widen the existing two-lane, concrete roadway to a four-lane, divided concrete roadway. Project includes paving, drainage, water, sidewalks, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Received 100 percent plans on December 20, 2010. Right-of-way (ROW) acquisition is ongoing. Construction begin: 2/21/2011

11 - Legacy Road (Warren Parkway to Lebanon Road)

Scope: Widen the existing four-lane, divided concrete roadway to a six-lane, divided concrete roadway and reconstruct intersection at Lebanon Road. 80 percent of the 5th and 6th lanes on Legacy have been paved. Contractor is expecting to begin work on the Legacy/Lebanon intersection in January 2011. Construction end: 8/27/2011

12 - Main Street [FM 3537] (Preston Road to Custer Road)

Scope: Replace the existing two-lane, asphalt roadway with a six-lane divided concrete roadway. Project includes paving, drainage, signals, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Design is 95 percent complete. Right-of-way acquisition expected to begin in February 2011. Construction begin: 3/5/2012

13 - NTTA: SH 121/DNT Interchange

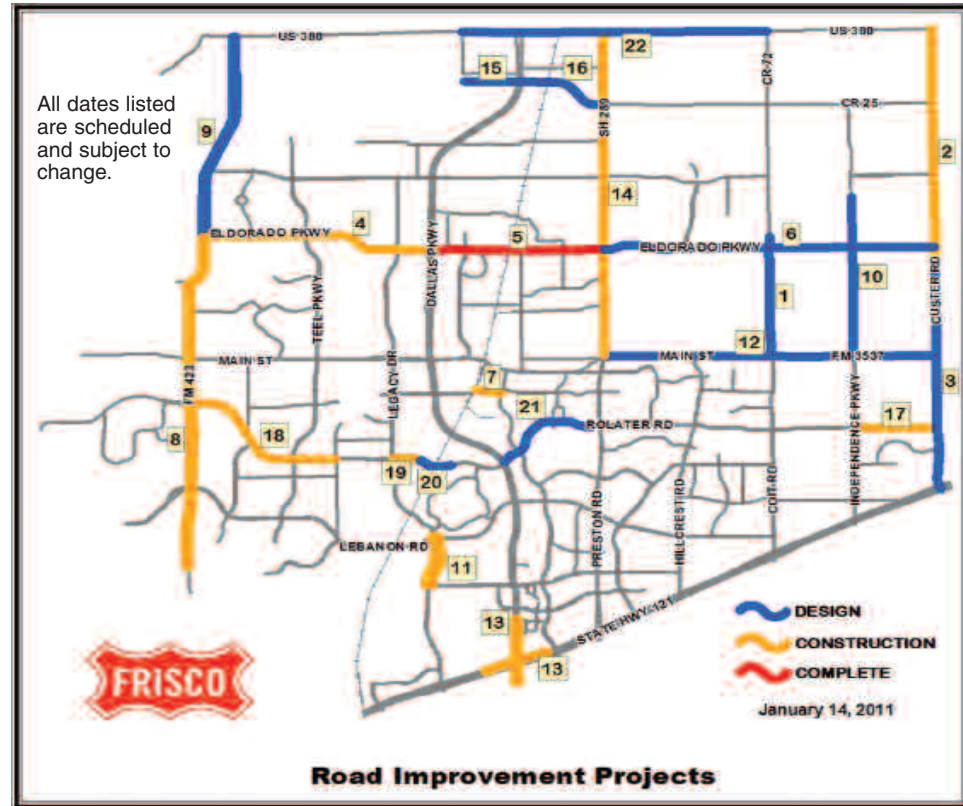
Scope: NTTA construction of direct connectors to existing three level interchange. NTTA contractor is currently constructing bridge, columns and retaining walls. Construction end: 1/31/2012

14 - Preston Road [SH 289] (Main Street to US 380)

Scope: Replace the existing two-lane, asphalt roadway with a six-lane, divided concrete roadway. Project includes paving and drainage. TxDOT's contractor, Mario Sinacola, switched traffic on November 23, 2010 and will begin construction of the northbound lanes from Main Street to north of Eldorado Parkway. Construction end: 2/1/2012

15 - Rockhill Road (CR 26 to Dallas Parkway)

Scope: Construct a new six-lane divided concrete roadway. Project includes paving, drainage, water, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Consultant working on 60 per-



cent structural design. Construction begin: not scheduled

16 - Rockhill Road (Dallas Parkway to Preston Road)

Scope: Construct a new six-lane, divided concrete roadway including a bridge over the BNSF railroad tracks. Project includes paving, drainage, water, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Consultant is working on 60 percent structural design. Construction begin: not scheduled

17 - Rolater Road (Independence Parkway to Custer Road)

Scope: Widen the existing two-lane concrete roadway to a four-lane divided concrete roadway. Project includes paving, drainage, bridge, sidewalks, signals, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Contractor, Mario Sinacola, is constructing the bridge and box culvert. Construction end: 8/31/2011

18 - Stonebrook Parkway (FM 423 to 4th Army Memorial)

Scope: Construct a new four-lane, divided concrete roadway from FM 423 to Teel Parkway, and widen the existing two-lane concrete roadway to a four-lane, divided concrete roadway from Teel Parkway to 4th Army Memorial Drive. Project includes paving, drainage, wastewater, signals, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Paving work started on the eastbound lanes from Teel Parkway to FM 423. Work is complete on the storm and sanitary sewer lines. Construction end: 7/29/2011

19 - Stonebrook Pkwy. (Legacy Drive to Fighting Eagles)

Scope: Construct a new four-lane divided concrete roadway including a bridge over Stewart Creek. Project includes paving, drainage, water, wastewater, signals, sidewalk, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. The bid opening was 12-22-10; city council awarded 1-04-11. Construction end: not scheduled

20 - Stonebrook Pkwy. (Fighting

Eagles to Longhorn Trail)

Scope: Construct a new four-lane divided concrete roadway including a bridge under the BNSF Railroad. Project includes paving, drainage, water, wastewater, sidewalk, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Design is 90 percent complete. Construction begin: 1/16/2012

21 - Stonebrook Parkway (Dallas Parkway to SH 289 (Preston Road))

Scope: Install 36 inch waterline, reconstruct westbound lanes to widen roadway to six lanes. Design is approximately 95 percent complete. Construction begin: 6/1/2011

22 - US 380 (CR 26 to Coit Rd.)

Scope: Widen the existing five-lane roadway to a freeway section including frontage roads and grade separated intersections at Dallas North Tollway and Preston Road. Conceptual design is 95 percent complete. Construction begin: not scheduled

Mayor Maso challenges himself, residents to adopt healthy lifestyle

BY DARCY SCHROER

Frisco Mayor Maher Maso ran across the finish on a chilly Saturday morning and started a new outlook on his fitness plan. Mayor Maso joined more than 300 other North Texans for the 'Get Healthy Texas' 5K and one mile fun run sponsored by TXA 21 in Frisco Square on January 22. The day also included health screenings and fitness activities at FieldhouseUSA in Frisco.

Mayor Maso had never run a race before, even at his most physically fit, so he chose to run the one mile race with his wife, Val, and daughter, Layna. "You have to start somewhere," said Mayor Maher Maso. "I plan to keep on improving."

Three days earlier Mayor Maso had a full fitness assessment with a personal trainer at the Frisco Athletic Center who measured his Body Mass Index (BMI). "It was an eye opener," said Mayor Maso. "I don't want to think about my weight and height, but I have too. The flip

side is, I want those who think they haven't exercised enough to know that it's never too late to start."

The mayor used the 'Get Healthy Texas' race as a catapult for his personal fitness goals as well as promoting his 'Mayor's Health Initiative' for Frisco residents. The ad-hoc committee he formed also includes Frisco city council members Jeff Cheney and Scott Johnson; Marcy Jones, recreation fitness manager for the city's Parks and Recreation Department; Dana Baird, communications director for the city, and Frisco residents personally committed to fitness and wellness. The committee's ultimate goal is to help citizens adopt a healthy lifestyle for the long run. The group's Be Fit Frisco website is under construction and will be available as a resource in the coming weeks.

"Fitness is critical to a family's health," said Mayor Maso. Just like we plan for our city for the long-term in development, we need to

plan on how we lay out the city from a fitness perspective making sure it's conducive to a healthy lifestyle."

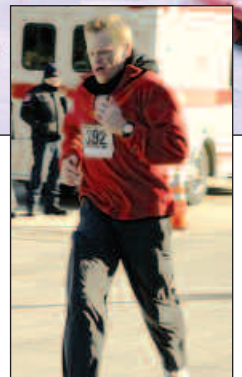
One citizen member of Mayor Maso's Health Initiative committee, 38-year-old Chris Kern, has embraced making fitness a way of life. His motivation started when his clothes were fitting too tight, again.

In December 2009, at 325 pounds, Kern decided he was not going to buy more clothes, and spent money instead on a membership to the Frisco Athletic Center in the New Year. He incorporated 30 minutes of exercise into his daily routine and over the course of a year dropped more than 120 pounds.

What he gained was a better diet, more energy and fitness goals he never imagined like training for a half-marathon. Kern ran the 'Get Healthy Texas' 5K January 22 in less than a nine-minute mile pace. He continues to fine-tune his eating and exercise habits and has even kicked his blood pressure and cholesterol medications.



Above, Mayor Maher Maso completes the one mile portion of the 'Get Healthy Texas' 5K and one-mile fun run alongside a young runner on January 22. The mayor has announced helping residents of all ages commit to a healthier lifestyle is part of his 'Be Fit Frisco' program. **Right,** Frisco resident Chris Kern, a member of the Mayor's Health Initiative committee, attributes moving more and eating less to his dramatic weight loss of more than 100 pounds in 2010. He ran the 'Get Healthy Texas' 5K and is training for a half-marathon.

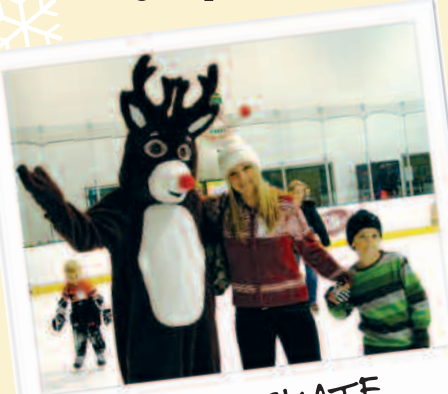


When people started asking Kern how he was succeeding, he told them his weight loss was not about following a particular exercise plan or getting surgery. "It was simply

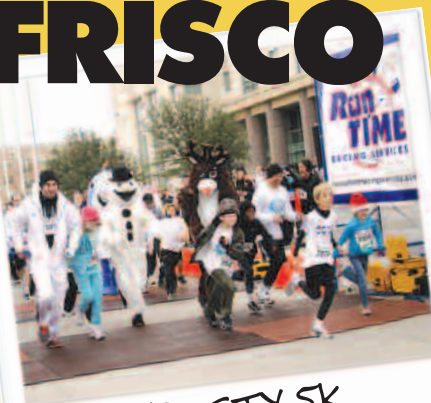
moving more and eating less," explains Kern. "In response I got a lot of blank stares of disbelief, like 'that's it?' Yes, it's a doing thing, not a magic thing."

AROUND FRISCO

It was a holly-jolly time at Frisco's 2010 holiday events: Merry Main Street, Frosty 5K & Merry Mile, Santa Skate and Tea with Mrs. Claus. Thank you to the many volunteers and sponsors who helped make Frisco's holiday happenings a success. Look for information on upcoming city-sponsored events online at FriscoTexas.gov/SpecialEvents.



SANTA SKATE



FROSTY 5K & MERRY MILE

See more photos from city events on the city's Flickr page: Flickr.com/CityOfFriscoTX

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MERRY MAIN STREET
THE ASHLEY CHOIR

Fair Housing workshop offers info for renters, homeowners and property managers

On Tuesday, February 1, a representative from the Department of Housing and Urban Development will present the basics of the Fair Housing Act and describe who is protected under this law. From 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. learn how to recognize signs of housing discrimination, gain resources to protect yourself and receive tools to exercise housing rights. After a brief presentation, there will be a question and answer session. The workshop will be located in the fourth floor Vivian McCallum room inside the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, located at 6101 Frisco Square Blvd.

To use Community Development Block funds, each entitlement community is required to create a five year 'Consolidated Plan' and an 'Action Plan' every year. Last year an "Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice" was performed to identify anything hindering fair housing choice in Frisco. Recommendations from the analysis were included into the latest City of Frisco Action Plan. The workshop is being offered to address the recommended activity to increase citizens understanding of fair housing laws.

The workshop is for consumers who rent, own or are thinking about purchasing a home. Also, anybody who may have a role related to housing (property managers, realtors) is invited to attend. The workshop will include fair housing topics related to discrimination based on color, disability, familial status, national origin, race, and sex.

For more information contact Chris Bohlen at (972) 292-5108 or email cbohen@friscotexas.gov.

Get free tax filing help at Frisco Public Library

Not sure how to tackle your taxes? Get help sorting through all the paperwork with free tax filing assistance at Frisco Public Library from the AARP.

On Thursdays and Saturdays, starting February 3 through April 14, tax filers can get free one-on-one tax assistance from trained AARP representatives in the McCallum room located on the fourth floor of the library.

Sessions are on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. Those needing assistance are encouraged to bring copies of last year's returns and any relative paperwork or information in order for the repre-

sentatives to better assist you with the filing process.

IRS tax forms arrive at the Frisco Public Library at the end of January. Forms and instruction booklets are also available at IRS.gov.

New from the IRS this year is *Form 4893*, Important information for taxpayers who no longer receive tax packages. It provides helpful information about obtaining forms from IRS.gov, what forms to file, how to access 'IRS Free File' and useful numbers for tax assistance.

For additional information on the AARP Tax Assistance or the availability of forms, please call the library at 972-292-5669.



Frisco Fire Programs Train Citizen First Responders

Citizen's Fire Academy Class No. 27 now accepting applications

The Frisco Fire Department is now accepting applications for the Citizen's Fire Academy (CFA) Class No. 27 starting March 24, to May 19, 2011. CFA classes provide the community with information about the operation and organization of the Frisco Fire Department. The academy is open to those 18 and older who live or work within the City of Frisco. This nine-week program meets on Thursday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

CFA classes cover several fire duties including fire ground operations, emergency medical services, arson investigation and fire safety education. In addition to the classroom lessons taught by Frisco Fire personnel, CFA participants will have many opportunities for hands on activities, including fire extinguisher training, the use of powerful rescue tools during an extrication demonstration, going inside a burning building while dressed in bunker gear and riding with Frisco Fire personnel as they respond to actual emergency calls.

Community Emergency Response Team Class No. 19 now accepting applications

The Frisco Fire Department is now accepting applications for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class No. 19 which starts March 21, 2011. CERT class-



Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) Class No. 17 participants put the skills learned in class to the test during a mock disaster drill in May 2010. Severe weather, patient triage and light search and rescue are just a few of the lessons covered. Sign up for CERT today at FriscoFire.com.

es train citizens to give critical support to first responders in emergencies and provide assistance in the event of a major disaster. The class meets on Monday nights through May 9 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The program is open to people, age 18 or older, who either live or work within the City of Frisco.

The program wraps up with a disaster scenario on May 14 where team members must respond effectively and proficiently using the skills they have learned in their

CERT classes. As well, the newly acquired skills CERT team members learn during their training will also have an impact on their everyday safety and preparedness in and around their home and families.

Applications for the CERT and CFA programs are available for download at FriscoFire.com or can be picked up at any Frisco Fire station. If interested or for more information, contact the Frisco Fire Department at 972-292-6300 during normal business hours.

'Volunteer' program gives Frisco youth opportunity to help at Frisco Public Library

Looking for a local teen community service opportunity? Join Frisco Public Library's Frisco Action & Advisory Board (FAAB), a year-round volunteer program that provides teens 14 to 18 years of age a way to give back to the community. Teens interested in joining the program must attend a new member orientation, commit to volunteering one to two, two-hour shifts each week, and attend at least one monthly advisory meeting each session. During shifts, teens may assist library staff by sorting and shelving recently returned books, distributing tickets to children's program attendees, or assisting with other library-related activities as necessary.

Monthly advisory meetings provide a forum for teens to give input regarding teen programs and services. Each session the "volunteers" have at least one service project they can participate in which earns them five extra hours

of service. For the spring session, volunteers will participate in Adopt-A-Platoon's Operation Crayon by collecting children's toys and school supplies to send to troops who will then distribute them to children living war zones.

The next FAAB orientation for teen volunteers is at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 8 in the McCallum room on the 4th floor of the library. Future orientation dates and information are available at FriscoLibrary.com. Information packets and brochures also are available in the first-floor teen room.

The program does not accept court appointed volunteers. Volunteers age 18 will need to fill out a background form. Go to FriscoTexas.gov/volunteer and click on 'background form' to download the document. Questions about FAAB can be sent to volunteer@friscotexas.gov.

15th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance Hollywood Glitz and Glam Saturday, February 12

Help Frisco's Parks and Recreation Department celebrate 15 years of memories forever captured during this special event shared between dads and their daughters. The evening will be filled with music, dancing and fun!

Dress up in your red carpet best for this year's theme of Hollywood Glitz and Glam. The 15th annual Daddy Daughter Dance happens Saturday, February 12 at the Frisco Conference Center, located at 7600 John Q. Hammons Dr.

Below are the suggested dance times based

on age group. Ages are recommendations only, not restrictions. You may purchase tickets to any dance, but you must attend the dance for which you have tickets. Tickets will not be refunded, exchanged or replaced.

Ages 4 - 5: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Ages 6 - 7: 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Ages 8 - 9: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Ages 10 - 12: 8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Tickets for this glamorous evening are \$15 per person (each participant must have one). Tickets may be purchased online or in person at the Frisco Athletic Center Monday through

Friday, 6 a.m. - 9 p.m., Saturday, 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. All tickets purchased online must be picked up at the Frisco Athletic Center by 7 p.m. on Friday, February 11. A limited number of tickets will be sold, but if available may be purchased onsite at the event. Tickets may also be purchased online. See FriscoFun.org for guidelines.

Innovative Images will be onsite to capture these life-long memories with professional portraits. Photo sessions will be available from 1:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Dance-goers are encouraged to arrive early to take their photos. Photo



packages include two 5x7 and eight wallet-sized photographs presented in a customized folder for \$22 (cash or check only).

Limited free parking is available at the Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center. Valet service is also provided by the hotel at \$8 per vehicle. A free shuttle service will be provided from parking lot G at Stonebriar Mall (north side between Nordstrom's and Dillards).

Embassy Suites is offering an exclusive room rate of \$89 (plus tax) per night for those traveling in from out of town or those who would like to re-join family and friends after the dance. To make a reservation, visit EmbassySuitesFrisco.com or call 972-712-7200.



Catch some fun at the annual TRICK-A-TROUT KID FISH



Grab the fishing poles, tackle box and kids and join us for a morning of free fishing and family fun. City of Frisco Parks & Recreation Department is hosting the seventh annual Trick-A-Trout Kid Fish Saturday, February 5 at Frisco Commons, located at 8000 McKinney Rd. The event begins at 8:00 a.m. and runs until 11:00 a.m. Texas Parks & Wildlife will release 3,150 Rainbow Trout into the Commons pond which is located north of the main pavilion.

The Trick-A-Trout Kid Fish is a great opportunity for first time anglers to come out and learn about the sport of fishing. Since only kids up to age 16 will be allowed to fish for the first three hours, they will have a chance

to really hone their fishing skills. The average size of the fish will be eight to ten inches and the daily bag limit is five per person.

Everyone is encouraged to keep what they catch since trout cannot survive when water temperatures rise in the spring. This event is rain or shine so be prepared for the weather.

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department regularly stocks the pond with channel catfish and largemouth black bass. TP&W also regularly stocks the pond at Warren Sports Complex.

Tips for successful fishing include using a lightweight line (4 to 6-pound test), small hooks and small sinkers. Baits can include live worms, power bait,

whole kernel corn, cheese, salmon eggs, marshmallows or small artificial lures. Participants will need to bring their own bait and tackle. The first twenty-five kids to catch a trout will receive a rod and reel combo set.

Open season for adult anglers will start at 11:00 a.m. that day. Anyone 17 years old and older is required to have a Texas fishing license, which is available at most sporting goods stores. After the Trick-A-Trout, people can fish at the pond until the trout are gone. Park hours are from dawn until dusk.

For more information, call 972-292-6500.

HOMETOWN HAPPENINGS

February 1

- Downtown Advisory Board Meeting, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., Conf. 5A, 12:00 p.m.
- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd, 6:30 p.m.

February 7

- Public Art Board Meeting, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., Conf. Room 5A, 6:30 p.m.

February 8

- Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd, 6:30 p.m.

February 9

- Convention Visitors Bureau (CVB), TBD, 12:00 p.m.
- Housing Trust Fund Board Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 5:30 p.m.

February 10

- Parks & Recreation Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

February 15

- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

February 16

- Economic Development Corp. Meeting, 6801 Gaylord Pkwy., Suite 400, 6:00 p.m.

February 17

- Arts of Collin County (ACC), City of Allen, 4:00 p.m.
- Community Development Corporation Meeting, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 3rd Floor Conf. Room, 6:30 p.m.

February 22

- Heritage Assoc. of Frisco Meeting, 6321 Page St. (Lebanon Church), 7:00 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd, 6:30 p.m.

February 23

- Urban Forestry Board Meeting, 6726 Walnut St., 6:30 p.m.
- Board of Adjustments Board Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

February 25

- North Texas Municipal Water District Meeting, 505 East Brown St., Wylie, 4:00 p.m.
- Frisco Public Library Foundation Board Meeting, Library Board Room, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6:45 p.m.



Eastern Washington Coach Beau Baldwin gives the students at Bright Elementary School a pep talk about being the best in the classroom and on the field and finds a little inspiration in return from their exuberant cheers.



The Great Texas Barbecue Bowl on January 5 was a chance for Delaware and Eastern Washington players get a taste of cowboy culture.



The Delaware Blue Hens and Eastern Washington mascots, cheerleaders and band got the Tailgate Town crowd pumped up before the game January 7.



Former Dallas Cowboys/New York Giants defensive back Everson Walls (left) served as FCS Ambassador and was the keynote speaker during the Champions Luncheon on January 6. Pictured with Mayor Maher Maso (center) and former Dallas Cowboy and Hall of Famer, Randy White (right).

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"It was a lot of fun to see the teams as they came into the stadium for the first time, as they walked through it and saw all the signage up and their eyes got wide, and they got their phones and started taking pictures of it, it was great!"

Following Wednesday practices, the Eagles headed to Bright Elementary while the Blue Hens departed for Christie Elementary

for pep rallies in their honor. Upon arrival, the players were greeted by students clad in university colors, waving signs, pom-poms and chanting mascot names.

"This is awesome!," said Coach Beau Baldwin, Eastern Washington Eagles. "It was totally unexpected. I just really appreciate the administration, the teachers and the students at Bright Elementary. It made us feel really good. It's a neat feeling," said Baldwin.

Eagles' senior captain Dante Calcote, who described himself as 'worn out' following Wednesday's practice, said the school experi-

ence was eye-opening. "As soon as we hit the door, we heard 'Eagles, Eagles,' we woke up, our eyes got big. Man, it was a beautiful reception!"

"Team Frisco" hosted the Great Texas Barbecue Bowl Wednesday evening for more than 400 players, coaches, support staff and members of the general public who paid to join the teams for Randy White's Hall of Fame Barbecue, live music by Lonestar Attitude, plus entertainment by some trick ropers. Dallas Cowboys' Marcus Spears was there, too. Student athletes lined up to meet the defensive end.

"Great music, great food, great atmosphere," said J.D. Dzurko, Delaware Blue Hens. "I'm taking this home with me," added Dzurko, as he tipped a straw cowboy hat.

Former Grambling State University and Dallas Cowboys/New York Giants defensive back Everson Walls served as FCS Ambassador and was the keynote speaker during the Champions Luncheon on Thursday. As FCS ambassador, he conducted the game coin toss and presented the MVP trophy.

Before the Friday evening kickoff, fans flocked to Tailgate Town,

where they enjoyed interactive games, a battle of the marching bands, a dance off between school mascots and a mechanical bull.

The Hens lead the night, but the Eagles swooped in for a comeback in the end. It was a nail biting finish. The Eagles plucked the Blue Hens for the NCAA Division I title, 20 - 19 over Delaware.

"Team Frisco did a great job, culminated with a great win by Eastern Washington, the week was a success and I look forward to it next year," said Everson Walls.